

MONDAY, November 24, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Merriman presented the petition of Virginia A. Hutchinson and others; referred to a select committee, composed of Messrs. Merriman, Wilson and Armstrong.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Joseph Rutherford, reported a bill for their relief, which was read first time.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Theresa Tyler, reported a bill for her relief; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to change the name of the county seat of Bell county; and a bill to incorporate the town of Belton in Bell county, which were severally read a first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill regulating writs of error; read first time.

Mr. Day offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing direct taxes in this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill to require the Commissioners of the town of Paris, in Lamar county, to turn over to the county court of said county, all monies, notes, deeds and other documents in their possession: read first time.

Mr. Williams from the committee on Enrolled bills, reported that they had examined an act to change the name of Mary Angeline Middleton to that of Mary Angeline Gill.

An act authorizing the county court of Cameron county to levy a special tax for two years.

An act to incorporate the town of Jasper.

An act to incorporate the Jasper Collegiate Institute: and

An act to amend an act to create the county of Freestone; that the same were correctly enrolled, and have been presented this day to the Governor for his approval.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill, granting to the owners of slaves which may be executed, one half the value of such slaves; read, and, on motion of Mr. Grimes, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of William Grinder; read, and, on motion of Mr. Williams, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Sally Owen, deceased; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the bill was amended by striking out the preamble.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House concurred in the amendment of the Senate to a bill appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for the pay and mileage of members and officers of the fourth Legislature, &c.

A bill to create the counties of Cameron, Starr and Webb, into separate land districts; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend an act to define the time of holding the district court for the fifth judicial district; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Eddy, referred to the select committee on Judicial Districts.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Shadrach Coody, deceased; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the bill was amended by striking out "first class," before "certificates," and inserting "headright."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to amend an act concerning the book or register of land certificates issued for the county of Harris, which was at one time mislaid, but said book has subsequently been found and identified as genuine and unaltered; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of William Gann, assignee of Ramon Sanchez; read second time.

Mr. Hill moved to amend the bill by striking out "William Gann, assignee," and insert after "Ramon Sanchez," "his heirs and assignees; lost.

On motion of Mr. Hill, "William Gann" was stricken out and "John A. Veatch, his heirs or assignees" inserted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to amend the tenth section of an act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Davis, referred to a select committee.

Messrs. Davis, Bigelow and Eddy, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Davis, a bill authorizing juror's tickets to be paid out of the State tax was taken from the table and referred to the same select committee.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the vote which refused to engross a bill for the relief of William H. Kennedy was reconsidered, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sterne, Mr. Meusebach was granted leave of absence for eight days from and after to-day.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, a bill for the relief of Edward B. Wood was taken from the table, read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a bill for the relief of the heirs of John W. Tilden, deceased, was taken from the table, read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 25, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom were referred a bill to permit Mary Madison to remain in this State, and a bill for the relief of Philip Evans, reported them back to the Senate, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Davis, from the same committee, to which was referred a bill to provide a mode of changing a person's name, reported the same back with the following amendments:

Strike out "ward," in the fourth line; strike out the second section of the bill.

Mr. Armstrong, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents in certain cases, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Armstrong, from the same committee, reported back to the Senate a bill for the relief of Penelope Newsom, daughter and heir of Robert Conn, deceased; and recommended its passage.

Mr. Armstrong made the following report:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of James Pratt Plummer, have examined the